

I retired from broadcasting long before corporations unrelated to the broadcasting industry began acquiring stations and long before "consolidation" became not only condoned but encouraged. I've been critical of the failure of the FCC to insist that broadcasters using the public's broadcast spectrum do a better job of being fair and diligent in their use of them.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry "documentary" days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. In this case, the "fairness doctrine" is flagrantly being ignored - hell, it's being jetisoned by an owner who appears confident that a Republican dominated FCC will turn its back.

I have little confidence that you will do your duty to protect my interests and those of my fellow citizens. But, as I have been in the past, I'm quite willing to pursue the matter if you fail to step in BEFORE Sinclair does the damage it intends to do, airing a clearly partisan political ad on behalf of your RNC and the President who doesn't seem to have the ability to control those who wrong us in his name.

I'll be watching your performance with great interest.